



Maryland Agriculture Data

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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Rain Showers Provide Relief

Maryland finally received rain over the weekend with some southern counties receiving up to 5 inches of precipitation. The much needed moisture will benefit many crops. Late season soybeans are showing some recovery, although rain came too late for most full season soybeans. New hay seedings are emerging and should establish well, and pastures are starting to rebound. Tobacco is also responding to the moisture and is expected to fill out more completely. The rain should result in good establishment for fall small grains and will aid fruit trees to approach winter in better condition.

Soil moisture levels increased dramatically this week with the showers. **Topsoil** moisture rated in adequate condition increased 39 percent, and this week marks the first in twelve weeks that any surplus was reported. Topsoil is rated 2 percent surplus, 48 percent adequate, 39 percent short, and 11 percent very short. **Subsoil** moisture also increased with 13 percent adequate, 40 percent short, and 47 percent very short.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 2002 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1997-2001
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	25	22	22	21
Cantaloupes	83	81	85	91
Corn, for grain	5	2	4	5
Corn, for silage	55	26	17	23
Cucumbers	78	73	79	84
Lima beans, for processing only	39	30	64	- -
Snap beans	86	72	80	81
Sweet Corn	78	71	85	89
Tobacco	54	41	60	56
Tomatoes	76	68	74	84
Watermelons	79	68	75	85
Crop Progress				
Corn, dent	70	60	62	57
Corn, mature	45	39	23	23
Soybeans, turning color	26	15	4	9
Soybeans, dropping leaves	19	1	- -	4
Tobacco, topped	98	89	94	93
Hay Harvested:				
Other hay, 3 rd cutting	60	55	71	60
Alfalfa, 3 rd cutting	85	81	94	84
Alfalfa, 4 th cutting	37	35	44	32

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 2002 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	45	29	15	10	1
Sorghum	4	19	52	25	0
Soybeans	37	27	25	11	0
Tobacco	9	15	54	22	0
Range & Pasture	32	33	28	7	0

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